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1968-~~69~~

THE
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR



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October, 1969.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the Health of the District in 1968 and hope that this will again be found useful as a source of easy reference.

The mid-1968 estimated population of 3,690 was again a decrease of 10 on the previous mid-year estimate. The total number of live births (71) was an increase of 6 on 1967, giving an adjusted birth rate of 23.6 to compare with a National rate of 16.9. There was one stillbirth during the year; no infant or maternal deaths and a halving of the percentage of illegitimate births. But, with a small total population, it is necessary to interpret annual fluctuations with extreme care: one must rather study general trends over a period of at least 5 years. On this basis one can discern with certainty only a gradual rise in the birth rate.

The total of deaths (64) was 16 below last years unusually high total of 80, giving an adjusted rate of 12.3 to compare with a national rate of 11.9. The total notifications of Infectious Disease (14) was unusually low. During the year the Registrar General's classification of causes of death was amended in accordance with recent revision of standard International practice. Of more direct practical consequence was the major and long awaited, revision of Infectious Disease legislation in accordance with the Health Service and Public Health Act 1968. Reference to this is made in the text of the report.

During the year the Council accepted my representation of one Clearance area comprising 6 properties. Sixteen houses already represented under Section 17 of the Housing Act were cleared, and a total of 32 new dwellings completed in the District. Of these 39 were Council properties, including the bungalow development on the Further Key site. Construction of the Councils special "sheltered" housing development was commenced - the completed warden-controlled flatlet scheme ("Lees House") was opened this year. The Councils first smoke control area, covering 203 premises, was submitted for Lincolsterial approval.

At the time of writing the future pattern of Local Government generally, and Health Services in particular, seems shrouded in mystery. What new form of organisation will emerge from reports, discussions and consultations, and what the pace of change will be is sheer speculation. However, it is my personal hope that some form of authoritative Government statement of intention will be made in the reasonably near future; the present prolonged climate of uncertainty is damaging alike to Councillors, Council staff, and, most importantly, the electorate, especially in smaller County Districts.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I must thank you and your Committee for your support during the year, also the Clerk and Mr. Rustidge for their ever willing assistance, not least in the preparation of this report.

Yours sincerely,

Gilbert R. Brackenridge,

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

(1) Area in acres 268

Population

Census 1961 3,730

Estimated mid-1968 3,690

Number of Inhabited Houses

Estimated 1968 1,595

Rateable Value £112,925

Sum represented by Penny Rate £391

General Rate per Pound 1968/69 13/-d.

(Reduced Rate for Mixed Hereditments 12/7d)

(Reduced Rate for Dwelling Houses 12/2d)

(2) General Characteristics and Social Conditions of the District

The Urban District is situated on the western slopes of the Pennines between the eastern boundary of Oldham County Borough and the western boundary of Saddleworth Urban District. The latter boundary is also the County Boundary between Lancashire and the West Riding of Yorkshire.

The main source of employment within the district is by three Cotton Mills and four Factories, together with the sale of commodities by retail.

There are two major roads passing through the district, Huddersfield Road in the North Ward, being a section of the Liverpool - Leeds - Hull (A.62) Trunk Road and High Street, (A.669) partly dividing South and Central Wards. The majority of the shop premises in the district are centred on High Street.

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births (Total) 71

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	33	37
Illegitimate	1	2

Live Birth Rate per 1000 population:-

Crude Rate	19.2
Adjusted Rate	23.6

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of live births 4.2%

Stillbirths	1
Stillbirth rate per 1000 live and still births	14
Total live and stillbirths	72
Infant deaths (under 1 year)	NIL

Infant Mortality Rates:-

Total Infant Deaths per 1000 total live births	NIL
Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate	
Live births	NIL
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 illegitimate	
Live births	NIL
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week	
per 1000 total live births)	NIL
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per	
1000 total live births)	NIL
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths	
under 1 week combined per 1000 total	
Live and still births)	14
Maternal Mortality Rate (Including Abortion)	NIL
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 live and stillbirths	NIL
Total deaths (all ages)	64

Death rate per 1000 population:-

Crude Rate	17.3
Adjusted Rate	12.8

Principal Causes of Deaths:-

Diseases of Heart and Circulation	25
Cancer all sites	12
Diseases of Respiratory System	11
Cerebrovascular Disease	8

Comparability Factor

This factor takes into account the age and sex structure of the local population as compared with that of England and Wales as a whole, and makes it possible to compare local birth and death rates with the corresponding National Rates.



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COMPARATIVE TABLE OF VITAL STATISTICS

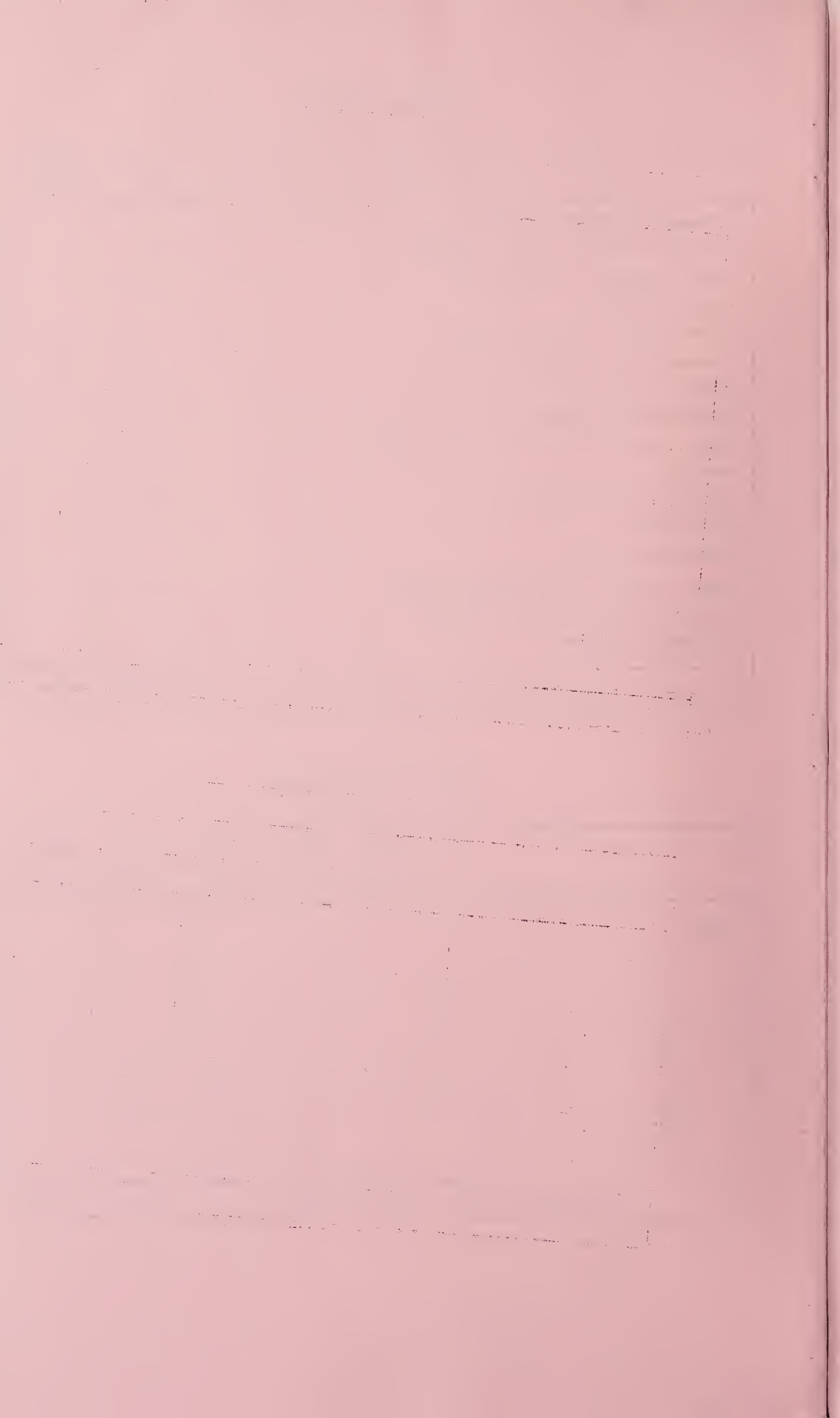
Population		1968	1967	1963	1958	1953
		3,690	3,700	3,730	3,970	4,060
Live Births	No.	71	65	62	43	73
	Adj. Rate	23.6	21.6	20.4	11.9	18.0
Stillbirths	No.	1	0	1	1	0
	Adj. Rate	14	NIL	15.9	22.7	NIL
Total Live and Stillbirths	No.	72	65	63	44	73
Total Infant Deaths	No.	0	3	1	2	3
	Adj. Rate	NIL	46	16.1	46.5	41
Maternal Deaths	No.	0	0	0	0	0
	Adj. Rate	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total Deaths	No.	64	80	64	53	55
	Adj. Rate	12.5	13.4	15.1	13.9	12.1

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Causes	M	F	1968 Total
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	5	-	5
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	4	1	5
Mental Disorders	1	-	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	9	11	20
Other Forms of Heart Disease	-	3	3
Cerebrovascular Disease	5	3	8
Other Diseases of the Circulatory System	-	1	1
Pneumonia	1	1	2
Bronchitis and Emphysema	5	4	9
Peptic Ulcer	-	1	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	1	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	1	2
Symptomatic and Ill-Defined Conditions	1	1	2
All Other Accidents	-	1	1
	33	31	64

DEATHS BY AGE GROUPS

	M.	F.	1968	1966	1965	1962	1957
			Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
Under 1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
1-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
15-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
25-	-	-	-	2	2	) 1	) 1
35-	2	-	2	-	-	) 1	) 1
45-	1	-	1	14	18	) 14	) 18
55-	6	1	7	-	-	) 14	) 18
65-	16	9	25	15	21	22	17
Over 75-	8	21	29	24	30	27	21
Totals....	33	31	64	55	73	66	60



INFANT MORTALITY - 1968.

There were no infant deaths during the year.

INFANT MORTALITY AND STILLBIRTHS -
COMPARATIVE TABLE

	1968	1967	1966	1962	1957
STILLBIRTH RATE (per 1000 total births)	13	NIL	NIL	NIL	65
NEO-NATAL RATE (per 1000 live births)	NIL	31	NIL	NIL	NIL
INFANT MORTALITY RATE (per 1000 live births)	NIL	46	NIL	20	23

PREVALENCE OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASE - 1968
(Other than Tuberculosis)

Notifiable Disease	Total cases at all ages.	Notified Cases in age groups (Total)												Hospital removed to	Deaths
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65-			
Dysentery	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Infective Jaundice*	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Measles	8	-	2	-	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Whooping Cough	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	14	-	3	2	2	2	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	

* Notifiable from 1/6/68.

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NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

YEARLY TOTALS

	1968	1967	1966	1962	1957
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	1	-
Scarlet Fever	2	4	4	8	5
Measles	8	42	90	11	56
Whooping Cough	2	1	1	-	18
Dysentery	1	3	6	3	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	1	2
Acute Pneumonia +	-	-	-	3	9
Erysipelas +	-	1	-	1	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia +	-	-	-	-	2
Infective Jaundice *	1	-	-	-	-
Totals	14	51	101	29	92

*Notifiable from 1st June, 1968.

+ Not notifiable after 30th September, 1968.

CASES NOTIFIED AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS DURING 1968.

<u>ages</u>	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total...	1		-		-		-	

PREVALENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES - 1968.

During 1968 there was a modification in the lists of Notifiable Infectious Diseases under Part III of the Public Health Act 1968, as amplified by the Public Health (Infectious Disease) Regulations 1968, which became operative from October 1st.

The main changes were as follows:-

- 1) Pneumonia, rheumatism, erysipelas, puerperal pyrexia; no longer notifiable.
- 2) Infectious jaundice, leptospirosis, tetanus, yellow fever; now notifiable.
- 3) Change in nomenclature e.g. acute meningitis replacing meningococcal infection.

The full revised list of diseases notifiable to the Medical Officer of Health is now as follows:-

Anthrax	Paratyphoid Fever
Cholera	Plague
Diphtheria	Poliomyelitis (acute)
Encephalitis (acute)	Relapsing Fever
Food Poisoning	Scarlet Fever
Infective Jaundice	Smallpox
Leprosy	Tetanus
Leptospirosis	Tuberculosis
Malaria	Typhoid Fever
Measles	Whooping Cough
Meningitis (acute)	Yellow Fever
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	

General

Total notifications of 14 cases of Infectious Disease in the district were the lowest for many years.

Measles

Although active immunisation against this disease was available, on a restricted basis, from May 1968, and was given to some young children in the district, it is doubtful whether this would explain the sudden decrease in prevalence of measles. As with other forms of immunisation it will probably be 2-3 years before one can gauge its total protective effect in the community.

Dysentery and Food Poisoning.

One single case only of dysentery was notified. The prevalence of these two diseases is a reasonably accurate index of general community standards of hygiene.



NOTIFIABLE DISEASES - Continued...

Tuberculosis

..lthough one new case was notified in the District during 1968, the total of cases on the register has now fallen to 14.

Pathological Specimens.

.. total of 26 specimens were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Withington, during the year.

Immunisation.

Routine Immunisation of children against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis and Smallpox can be arranged at the local Clinic or through General Practitioners. Limited quantities of Measles Vaccine are now available for young children who have not had this disease.

B.C.C. vaccination (against Tuberculosis) is offered to Secondary School children showing no acquired resistance on skin testing.

Other forms of immunisation (e.g. T...B. Vaccine) are not normally available through the National Health Service; but can be arranged (privately) by General Practitioners.

PROVISION OF PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Services under the National Health Service Act and related legislation are provided by Lancashire County Council. For these purposes, Lees forms part of Health Division No. 14. The Divisional Health Offices is situated at 'Tylon', Liddleton Road, Chadderton, (Tel: 061-624-6251).

An Assistant Divisional Medical Officer is based part time at High Street Clinic.

MATERNITY SERVICES.

Mrs. F. F. M. Hughes of 7, Fern Close, Off Bridge Street, Springhead (061-624-0839) is employed as midwife to serve the district. Relief duties are carried out by other midwives as necessary.

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.

Ante-natal clinics are held at the High Street Clinic, Lees, on the second and fourth Monday in each month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Tel: 061-624-4373).

CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.

Mrs. D. Lindley, Health Visitor can be contacted at the High Street Clinic, Lees from 1.30 p.m. to 3.50 p.m. each afternoon.

Clinics are held as follows:-

Child Welfare	2 p.m. to 4 p.m. each Wednesday
Dental	9 a.m. to 12 noon each Wednesday

Welfare foods are obtainable at the Child Welfare Sessions at the High Street Clinic.

HOME NURSING.

District Nursing service is provided by Health Division No. 14 and the District Nurse living within this area is Mrs. M. Helsby of 130, Spring Lane, Lees (Tel: 061-624-9622).

A male nurse is available in certain cases.

MENTAL HEALTH

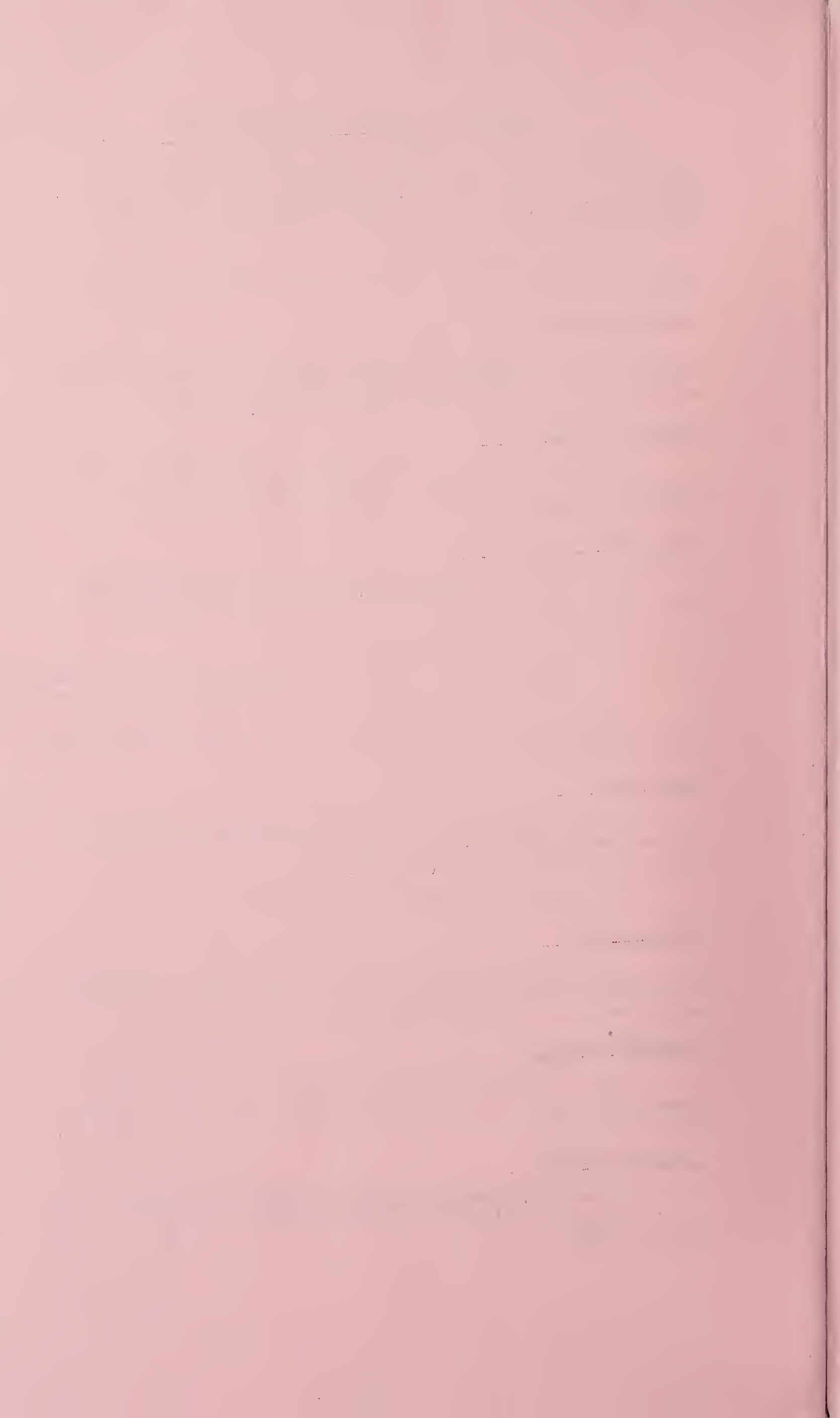
A staff of Mental Welfare Officers who are based at Divisional Health Office, work in co-operation with hospital staffs and general practitioners in all mental welfare matters.

CHIROPODY SERVICES.

Chiropody Clinics are held at the High Street Clinic every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon with the occasional Tuesday morning when demand calls.

AMBULANCE SERVICES.

The ambulance service is administered by Health Division No. 14. and is under radio-control from a Control Centre at Whitefield (Tel: WHI 6666).



HOME HELP SERVICES

Home helps are available to attend households where necessary, in cases of confinement, illnesses, old age and infirmity. Application for the services of a home help should be made to the Home Help Organiser, Divisional Health Office, 'Tylen', Liddleton Road, Chadderton. (Tel: 061-624-6251).

WELFARE SERVICES

Residential accommodation for elderly persons in need of care and attention, not otherwise available is provided by the County Council in eight homes for the elderly in Division 14.

The Statutory services - Health Visitors, Home Nurses, Home Helps and Chiropody services co-operate with the voluntary bodies providing 'meals on wheels', Home Visiting, etc.,

CHILDRENS ACT 1948.

Statutory services under this act related legislation are carried out by the Lancashire County Council at the Childrens Department, Enville House, Ashton-under-Lyne (Tel: ASK 2933).

HOSPITAL AND CLINIC FACILITIES.

The Oldham Royal Infirmary and Oldham District General Hospital provide all general Hospital services for this district, Infectious disease cases are usually admitted to Monsall Hospital, Manchester.

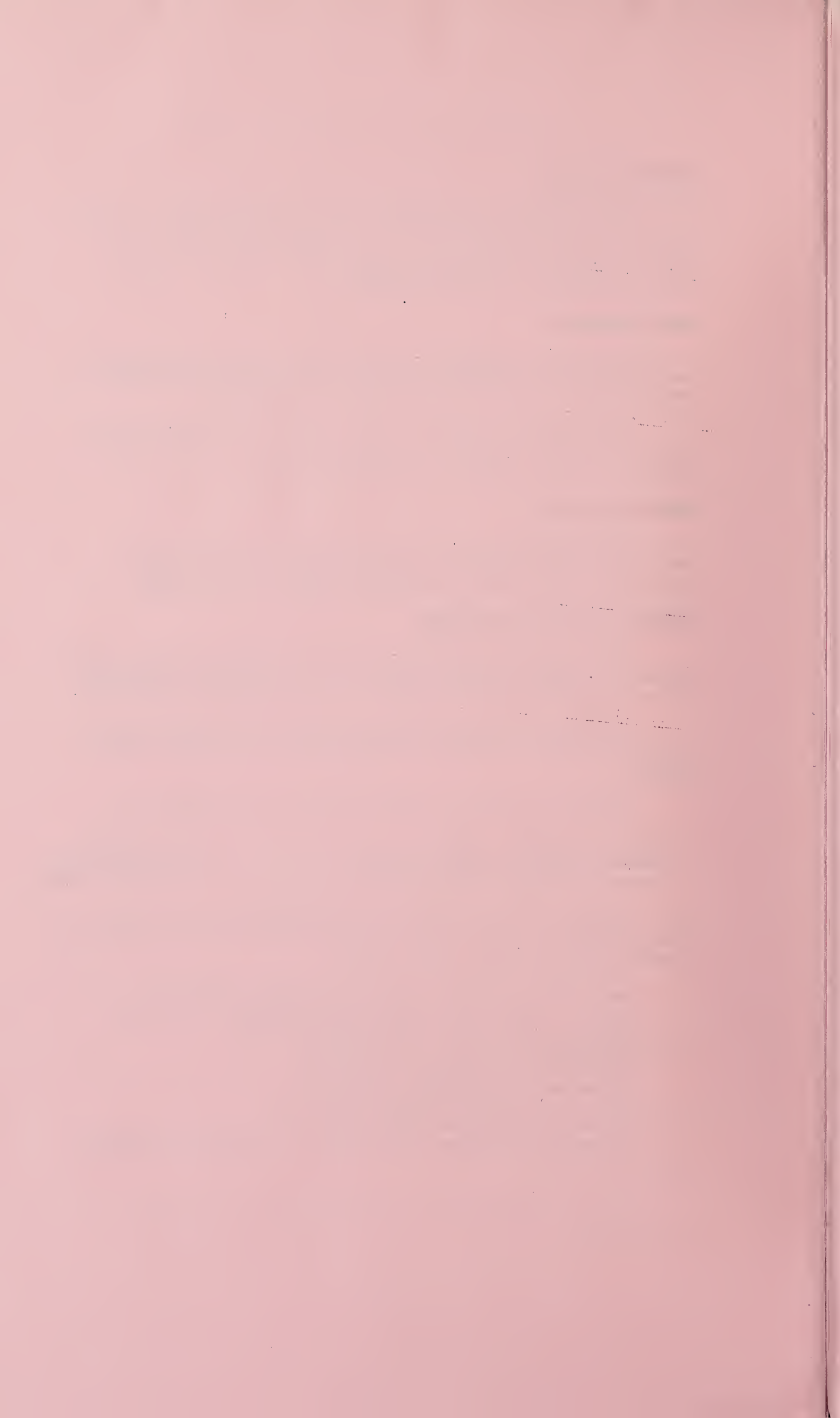
The Tuberculosis Chest Clinic at Oldham and District General Hospital provides facilities for examination of residents of this district,

Treatment Centres for Venereal Disease are available at:-

District Infirmary, Ashton	Tel: ASH 1611
Oldham & District General Hospital	Tel: 061-624-0420
Sparthfield Clinic, Manchester Road, Rochdale ..	Tel: Rochdale 48827.

The Urban District Council is responsible for those matters likely to affect or be concerned with the maintenance of high standards of environmental health. These include:-

- Inspection of houses re fitness for human habitation.
- Control of infectious disease (Including food poisoning)
- Control of food and food preparing premises.
- Provision of suitable water supplies
- Detection and prevention of nuisance
- Prevention of atmospheric pollution
- Control of rodent and insect infestation
- Collection and disposal of refuse
- Provision of sanitary accommodation and public conveniences.



Council Offices,
Cross Street,
Lees,
Oldham.

October, 1969.

Report of the Public Health Inspector.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I submit to you herewith the Annual Report on the work carried out by the Public Health Department and the Sanitary circumstances of the district for the year ended 31st December, 1968.

The completion of the Further Hey Site housing redevelopment scheme (Part 1) enabled the rehousing of several families who had waited patiently on the Housing List for several years. The completion of 48 housing units of the one, two and three bedroom traditional type also permitted some progress with the Clearance Programme.

Eight single bedroom bungalows were nearing completion on the Grigley Square redevelopment site at the end of the year and the 26 flatlets with Warden's Maisonette at Lees House were also progressing but at a very slow rate due to the financial restrictions which applied during the year.

The weekly collection of refuse has continued throughout the year, minor adjustment to the service only being required after holiday periods. The refuse collection workmen continued to work conscientiously throughout any poor weather conditions encountered in order to maintain the round, and the majority of the householders appreciate this service.

The Council agreed in the latter half of the year to take part in the setting up of a study group to consider, with nearby authorities, the question of future joint refuse disposal operations.

Details of the routine work carried out during the year are contained in the following pages.

My thanks are again due to the Medical Officer, Clerk and Council Officials for the valued assistance and the support of the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee throughout the year of 1968.

Yours sincerely,

J. A. Rustidge,

Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The district no longer maintains a sewage disposal works, foul drainage from the whole of the district being discharged into the adjoining Authority's sewerage system by agreement with Oldham County Borough. The rate of flow is measured by Recording Apparatus at the three junctions to the Oldham County Borough Sewers: the sewage receives treatment at the Oldham Disposal works at Slack Valley with the Urban District of Chadderton.

Surface water sewers convey surface water to the river Hedlock at various points within the district. Thornley Brook also receives surface water and discharges into the Hedlock at Holts.

62 new dwellings were connected to the sewer system during the year, the separate system of drainage being required wherever possible.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

A regular weekly collection of domestic refuse has been maintained throughout the year by a team of two loaders and a driver/loader operating a diesel engined vehicle.

The rear loading S. & D. 'fore and aft' collection vehicle has maintained the collection service, assisted by the increased carrying capacity of the refuse body. Some 1,134 loads of domestic refuse and 161 loads of trade refuse were disposed of at Tip Sites during the year.

Controlled tipping with levelling and covering by mechanical appliance has been maintained during the year, with the resultant discontinuing of tins recovery for salvage. Satisfactory arrangements with a local motor vehicle dismantler have been operated, ensuring the disposal of derelict and unserviceable motor vehicles in the district.

Tipping and prompt sealing of the Tumbling Bank Site has taken place, with the future extension of the Hills Recreation Ground in mind.

Dustbin replacement for existing properties is provided for by the Rate Fund. 78 replacement dustbins were issued during 1968, the type of bin supplied being B.S.S. mild steel galvanised type with rubber lid, and a capacity of $2\frac{1}{2}$ cu.ft. The number of moveable dustbins was estimated as 1,714 at the end of 1968.

RODENT CONTROL

Two trained employees having attended Ministry of Agriculture Training Courses carry out rodent control operations on a part-time basis. Complaints are given prompt attention: survey and inspection work is carried out throughout the district, at regular intervals.

Two sewer maintenance treatments were successfully carried out during the year.

147 rodent infestations were recorded during the year and received treatment. Several instances of Warfarin resistance were encountered once more in the 79 mice infestations discovered. The use of Alphachloralose Coumatetryl and trapping with various baits were adopted to eliminate the infestations.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

All dwellings within the district are served by the water carriage system. There are approximately 298 dwellings without separate fresh water closet accommodation and 29 waste water closets remain to be converted or taken out.

Number of waste water closets, end 1968	29
Number of conversions during the year	1
Number of fresh water closets.	1,755
Number of houses on water carriage system	1,595.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

Fourteen observations were taken on the three remaining chimneys serving industrial furnaces in the district. Informal procedure achieved the remedy of two faults on oil burner apparatus to two boiler installations.

WATER SUPPLY.

The whole of the district is served with Upland Surface Water by the West Pennine Water Board. The water is filtered at its source and sterilized by the Chloramine process.

Seven domestic water samples were obtained during the year and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory. All were reported as satisfactory.

Continued arrangements were made by the Local Authority for the cleansing of branch service pipes serving several blocks of dwellings. On completion, all were reported to be improved and satisfactory.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

The controlling Authority for the streams in the area is the Mersey and Weaver Authority, the two larger streams being the River Mersey and Thornley Brook (Wood Brook).

Unauthorised tipping of miscellaneous material into these main water courses has again necessitated continuous inspection and cleansing of the water courses in order to prevent nuisance.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

During 1968 995 visits were made to 657 premises, namely:-

494 dwellinghouses.
118 shops.
6 schools
39 factories.

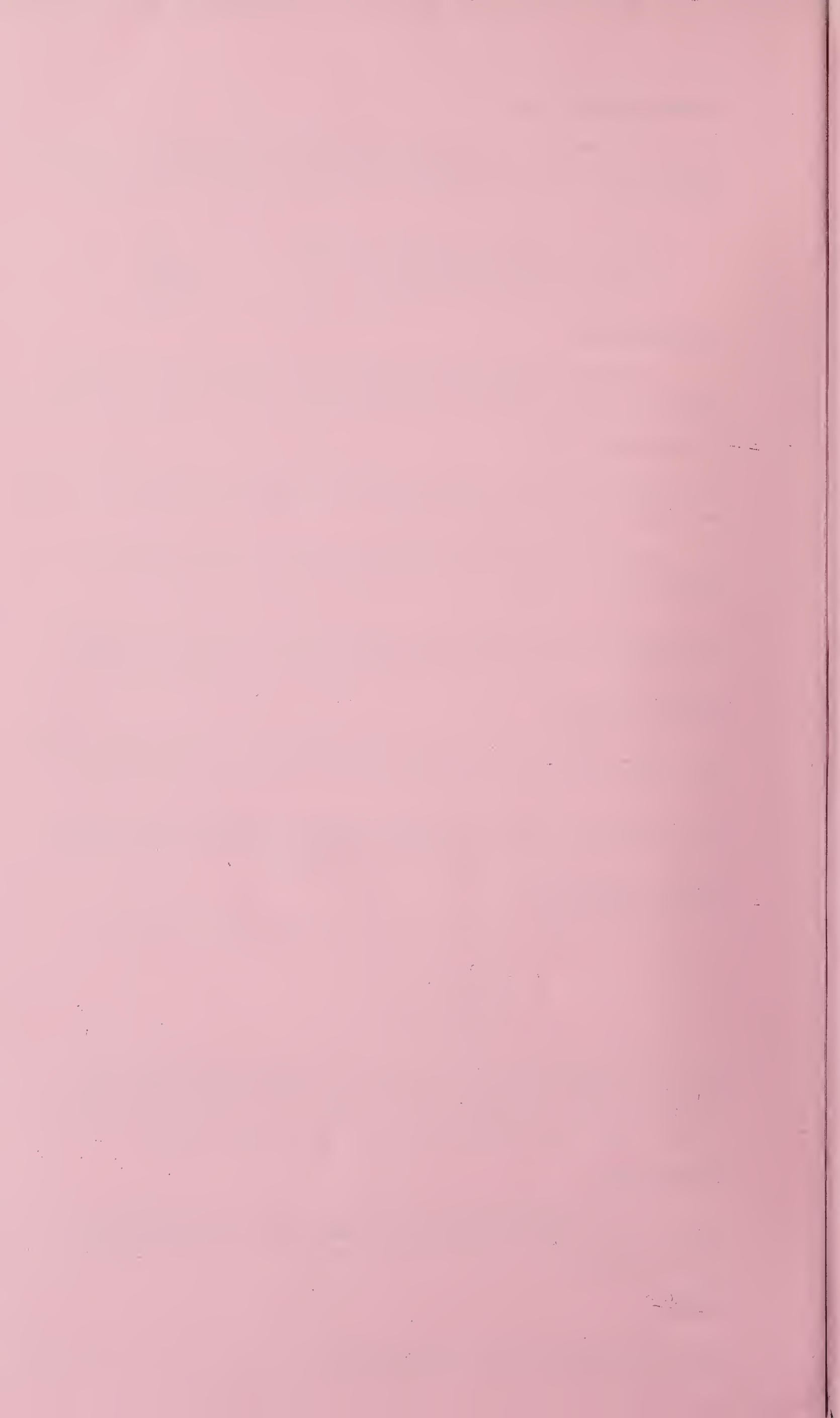
In dwellinghouses 163 defects or nuisances were discovered and 156 of these were remedied. 5 Statutory Abatement Notices were served in order to ensure that the necessary repairs were carried out, together with 117 Informal Notices. In the majority of cases, informal notices, together with personal visits, obtained a satisfactory remedy.

DISINFESTATION

14 dwellings (5 Council and 9 other dwellings) in the district were found to be infested with insects to a minor degree. Each was cleared satisfactorily with the use of contact insecticides (powder, liquid and/or smoke generators).

SCHOOLS.

There are 4 schools in the district. Each is served with mains water supply and connected to the drainage system.



FACTORIES

There are 21 factories in the district to which 39 visits were made. It was necessary to serve Informal Notices under the Act, the defects were found to be remedied upon reinspection.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND MILKMY PREMISES

No new registrations were made during the year. Inspections of all registered premises were made.

REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	No. of premises reg. during the year.	No. of Reg. premises at end of year.	No. of Reg. premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	-	2	2
Retail Shops	-	26	26
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	1	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens.	-	7	7
Fuel storage depots	-	2	2
Total	-	38	38

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS, ACT 1949.

Property other than Sewers	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
No. of properties in district	1,957	2
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	147	1
No. of above infested by:- rats	58	1
mice	79	1
Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	68	2
No. of above infested by:- rats	-	-
mice	2	-



INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Selling of food stuffs is the main type of trade carried out by the shops in the district, 57 out of the total of 85 shops selling food for human consumption.

The following list sets out the various food trades:-

General grocers and provisions dealers	24
Greengrocers and fruiterers	4
Fishmongers	1
Butchers	5
Bakers and /or confectioners	4
Fried Fish Shops	4
Shops selling sugar c nfectionery minerals, ice-cream, etc.	4
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars, and similar	11
	57

The number of inspections carried out to the above premises totalled 116.

MILK

Licenses for pasteurised, sterilized and untreated milk are issued by the Lancashire County Council.

A total of 28 Milk samples (of which 2 were Channel Islands Milk) were taken by the Food and Drugs Authority, all of which were found to be satisfactory.

The District Council also submitted 45 samples of milk to the Public Health Laboratory for examination, the majority of these samples being taken as a result of brucella infection being present in one bulk sample. A notice under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959 was served by the Medical Officer of Health, requiring the heat treatment of the milk supply concerned before sale. This notice was withdrawn when the milk supply was proved to be free from infection.

No ice-cream is manufactured in the district except that sold from mobile vans. The majority of the product is retailed in wrapped form from registered premises in the area. 3 samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for examination, 7 Provisional Grade I results were obtained, the remaining one produced no result due to a leakage occurring in the sample container.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

There are no Slaughter Houses in the District.

Sampling of Food

The Lancashire County Council carry out food sampling in the district and the following were obtained during 1968:-

1. Eucalyptus Oil B.I.
1. Prynocil Tablets.
1. Advocat.
1. Liqueur
1. Sweets (bubble gum)
1. Pork Sausages.
1. Cooked Meat.
1. Meat and Potatoe Pie.

The County Analyst gave adverse reports on:-

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Result of Analyst</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
Sweets (bubble gum)	Blue and green sweets contained non-permitted blue colouring Brilliant Blue FCF (Permitted in U.S.A.)	Vendor communicated with and these colours withdrawn from sale.
Meat & Potatoe Pie	Contained a large moth 25 millimetres long and weighing 0.184 gramme.	Manufacturer cautioned.

HOUSING

1. Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(i) By the Local Authority 39

(ii) By other bodies or persons 43

2. Total number of Council owned dwellings at the end of the year 170

3. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year

(i) a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	204
b) Total number of inspections made for the purpose.	269
c) Number of dwelling-houses in a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit.	147
(ii) Total number of dwelling-houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit (estimated)	208

4. Houses Demolished

	Number	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
Not in clearance areas. As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957.	16	-	-

5. Unfit Houses Closed

	Number	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
Under Sections 16(4) 17(1) and 25 (1) Housing Act, 1957.	41	30	15

6. Unfit Houses made Fit and Houses in which Defects were remedied.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(i) After informal action by Local Authority	71	NIL
(ii) After formal notice under -		
(a) Public Health Acts	5	NIL
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Acts 1957.	NIL	NIL

7. Number of Unfit Houses in Temporary Use, Housing Act 1957 NIL
8. Number of Houses purchased by Agreement Nil
9. Number of Clearance Areas represented ONE
10. Housing Act and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958
Improvement Grants.

No applications have been submitted to the Council during the year for Improvement Grants.

The Council do not make a practice of approving such grants.

11. Housing Purchase and Housing Act, 1959
and Housing Acts 1961 and 1964,
Standard Grants.

Action during the year:-

- (i) Applications submitted to Local Authority for improvement to full standard.
- (ii) Applications approved by Local Authority for improvement to reduced standard.
- (iii) Total applications approved by Local Authority.
- (iv) Work completed.

Number of Dwellings or other buildings affected
29
NIL
29
27

The number of Grants paid during the year was 21, total amount being £2,516. 12. 3d.

12. Housing List.

At the end of the year, the requirement for dwellings were as follows:-

62 - 1 bedroom accommodation
44 - 2 bedroom accommodation
16 - 3 bedroom accommodation.

10 known cases of overcrowding existed at the end of the year. Several of these cases are included in the clearance programme.

FACTORIES

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	5	16	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the L.A.	16	23	6	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the L.A. (Excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	21	39	6	-

Cases in which Defects were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.L. Inspector (4)	By H.L. Inspector (5)	
Lack of cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temp.(S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation(S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6) (CELLAR)	1	1	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)					
a) Insufficient	3	3	-	-	-
b) Unsuitable or Defective	4	4	-	-	-
c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to out-work)	1	1	-	-	-
TOTAL	9	9	-	-	-

Outworkers

Nature of work (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failing to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served. (6)	Prose- cut ions (7)
Assembly of Knives Crackers	1	-	-	-	-	-

